TEST REPORT

NUMBER: LECH00348502

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DATE: 8th May 2014

For the attention of Yee-Ling

SAMPLE DESCRIPTION: Pirate Bottle Opener

REFERENCE / STYLE NO: Not specified

RETAILER: Not specified

SAMPLE RECEIVED: 29th April 2014

TEST REQUEST: *Assessment to Article 3 of the General Product Safety Directive 2001/95/EC

CONCLUSION: As a result of the assessment detailed in this report the item was considered to pose a Low risk and therefore in our opinion was considered to be a safe product as defined by Article 2 of 2001/95/EC.

We draw your attention to the comments in this report.

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1. INTRODUCTION
The purpose of this assessment is to determine whether the item may be regarded as safe within the meaning of the General Product Safety Directive 2001/95/EC.

The General Product Safety Directive 2001/95/EC states that:

“Producers shall be obliged to place only safe products on the market”.

This directive is designed to ensure the safety of products, which are to be placed upon the market, and to which no specific safety legislation is deemed to apply.

Where relevant, the safety of the item has been judged by reference to standards and safety guidance documents e.g. EN 71. These standards contain pertinent requirements on safety aspects relevant to assess potential hazards the item may have.

Matters relating to quality e.g. colourfastness, durability, etc. are outside the scope of this report.

It must be recognised that there may be more than one approach to assessing whether a product is safe. This report represents the view of ITS testing Services (UK) Ltd and is based upon an examination of the sample submitted. Only the courts are able to offer authoritative interpretations on whether a product is safe.

2. SAMPLE DESCRIPTION
The product consisted of a combination bottle opener, corkscrew and lifter (“Waiter’s friend”) and foil cutter.

3. ASSESSMENT
The item was considered to be novelty for lightweight domestic use and was assessed as such. It is foreseeable it will be used by older children under the age of 14 years and adults and this was considered during assessment.

3.1 Physical/Mechanical hazards

3.1.1 Points and edges
When subjected to a tactile examination the item was free from points and edges such that may cause injury to the user.

3.1.2 Functional sharp point
The tip of the cork screw worm was considered a functional sharp point. Although there was no functional sharp point warning evident it was considered to be a readily recognised component and that user’s would be aware of the possibility of injury and take action to avoid such injury.

When assessed utilising the New Zealand nomograph method the risk of injury to the user attached to this was gauged to be Low

3.1.3 Sharp edges
A sharp edge warning was evident – and was considered sufficient to warn the user regarding the functional sharp edge of the foil cutter. The blade of the foil cutter measured 55mm (about 2¼ inches) long.

3.1.4 Small parts
Small parts were evident in the form of small plastic “stops” for holding the blades apart for display; they are considered disposable packaging. There were suitable warnings to keep the item out of reach of children and that it is not a toy. It is evidently unsuitable for small children.
3.1.5 In use

The hardness of the metal was not assessed.

It may be prudent to hold suitable certification from the supplier regarding this.

The bottle opener was assessed by in use testing and the following observations were made:
The opener worked adequately on crown bottle tops (crimped edge type) giving good grip under the edge covering at least two corrugations and did not come into contact with the glass bottle.

The foil cutter and “Wine Waiter’s Friend” worked adequately on both cork and plastic stoppers and metal and plastic “foils” (6 of each) with no binding apparent. The overall grip was found to be reasonably comfortable.

3.1.6 Drop test

It was dropped from 1 metre onto a ceramic tiled floor, with no damage visibly apparent.

4. Flammability hazards

None

7. Packaging & Markings

The suitability of the labelling and packaging forms part of an assessment to the General Product Safety Directive. Since correct labelling provides information to the consumer to enable them to assess the risks inherent in a product, and to take precautions against those risks, they should be in the languages of the countries in which the item will be retailed.

- A suitable trade name and address and warnings were present.

8. COMMENTS

This assessment does not include the requirements of other legislation that this item should legally comply with. In particular it does not address general legislation such as REACH which applies to many types of product.

9. Conclusion

The item is in our opinion a novelty for light-weight domestic, non-commercial use.
The risks of using items with sharp edges and points are considered to be hazards that would be recognised by the target age groups and preventative actions would be taken to avoid those hazards.
When assessed utilising the New Zealand nomograph method the overall risk of injury to the user attached to this was gauged to be Low.
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